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### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT March 2005

#### Subarea Health Planning Councils (SACs) Activities

##### **Hawaii**

David Tarnas provided an overview of legislation that has been submitted this session on aeromedical services, EMS services and EMS personnel. Sharon Vitousek is analyzing data from the state EMS program and will be invited to present her findings when they are available, hopefully at the April meeting. The group would like to continue to gather support for EMT training and is interested in discussing training issues with Hawaii Community College. They would like to see if they can participate in programs supported by EMS special fund education funding and bring more to Hawaii. Lloyd Asato shared information on the statewide health workforce survey he is developing and will roll out in the next few months to determine vacancies, projected vacancies and reasons for vacancies across all health workforce areas.

##### **Honolulu**

Members reviewed their various H2P2 related interests: reducing costs and preventing health problems of the elderly with routine drug screenings for "excessive numbers" and questionable drug combinations; do we need to routinely access for Vitamin B12 deficiency and dementia?; Hawaii's Medicaid conversion to managed care for the elderly and disabled; the bill to add a state tax to pay about ¼ the cost of LTC for one year; federal cuts on Medicaid LTC funding and tightening of rules on transfer of assets; changing perceptions and values about aging and funding our later years; and options for services and costs which are being projected, based upon what people say they want and can pay for. The director of Home Health Services, Arcadia, will be invited to the next meeting to give us her observations of what in-home services clients prefer and need.

##### **Kauai**

Members discussed the traffic light solution to the problem on Kuhio Highway and will forward their additional comments to Kauai DOT: traffic lights may not make the road safer; "no left turn" makes sense and golfers can do a turn-around further up the road; a 12 ft. wide culvert should be added along the mauka side of the road to widen it and allow emergency vehicles (ambulance, fire and police) to pass in bumper-to-bumper traffic and; most drivers exceed the 40 mph speed limit in spite of the narrowness of the three lanes. All

priorities listed by members since July 8, 2003 were reviewed and updated. Members want to follow-up on senior health care and living facilities and also noted that pedestrian safety for the elderly and other disabled is an issue on Kauai. 85% of KSAC priorities have related bills introduced this year. Members were in full support of the booster seat bill and want to provide testimony, if helpful. DOH's Injury Prevention Office may introduce a bill next year which would enable the inspection of keiki seat installations during annual car safety checks. Members are also in support of the administration bill to replace Hawaii's dental exam with the newly developed national exam. The passage of this measure would facilitate the recruitment of dentists from other states, especially to the rural areas of Hawaii.

### **Tri-Isle**

Lokahi Pacific, an organization working on affordable housing, made a presentation on their projects on Maui. They work with the chronically mentally ill capable of independent living, people with HIV/AIDS, women helping women and people with disabilities. Focus Maui Nui presented on the broad community process they coordinated to develop a vision for Maui County, looking particularly at how to engage people not usually involved in the public process. Needs for school-based programs for substance abuse in the adolescent population were described by the Mental Health Association for Maui. The SAC will continue to gather information on community initiatives in priority areas for Maui County at future meetings.

### **West Oahu SAC and Windward Oahu SAC**

No meetings in February.

### **Research and Statistics:**

The Certificate of Need Application Summaries and Decisions Files, Monthly SHPDA Update Reports, Web Server Hits Statistics and SHPDA Calendar web pages were updated.

The SHPDA website had 27,384 hits during January 2005. The February 2005 numbers are not available yet.

The 2003 SHPDA Health Care Utilization Report publication was added to the SHPDA website and is accessible at

<http://www.health.gov/health/shpda/sh03toc.htm>

**Certificate of Need Applications**

- #03-17 Hawaii Radiologic Associates, Ltd. for the establishment of an outpatient computed tomography (CT) services at 77-311 Sunset Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, at a capital cost of \$1,125,000. Withdrawn.
- #03-28 Wahiawa Hospital Association for the relocation of Wahiawa General Hospital services (excluding SNF) from 128 Lehua Street, Wahiawa, to Waipio (Tax Map Key Nos. (1)9-4-006-001 and (1)9-4-006-002), at a capital cost of \$44,756,600. Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.
- #04-25A Hospice Hawaii, Inc. for the establishment of a five-bed SNF for hospice patients at 2449 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii, at a capital cost of \$785,000. Approved.
- #04-26 Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Inc. for the establishment of MRI service at the Maui Lani Clinic, 55 Maui Lani Parkway, Wailuku, Maui, at a capital cost of \$2,606,689. Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.
- #05-01A Straub Clinic and Hospital for the change of ownership of outpatient open MRI services, 1010 S. King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, at a capital cost of \$2,606,689. Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.
- #05-02A Life Care Services Corporation of Hawaii, Inc., dba Hale Ola Kino, 1314 Kalakaua Avenue, 2nd floor, Honolulu, Hawaii, for the change of 32 SNF beds to SNF/ICF beds at no capital cost. Public notice on February 24, 2005.
- #05-03A North Hawaii Community Hospital for the addition of six medical/surgical beds and the deletion of six acute/long-term swing beds at a capital cost of \$73,815.14. Public notice on February 24, 2005.
- #05-04 Castle Medical Center for the establishment of an interventional cardiac catheterization service at no capital cost. Reviewing for completeness.
- #05-05A Leeward Radiation Oncology for a change in ownership at a capital cost of \$180,000. Reviewing for completeness.